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Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 December 2000.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) _____ is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 7 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 27 December 2000 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
 a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ .
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____. .	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ .

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kara (US 5,982,506).

Regarding claim 1, which is representative of claims 8-9, Kara teaches of a method of authenticating information communicated between a first communication device and a second communication device via a communication network, comprising the steps of:

- a. receiving input data and generating facsimile information in a first format by said first communication device from said input data (Col 4 Lines 28-32);
- b. processing said input data to compute an encrypted checksum (Col 4 Lines 32-37);
- c. convolving said facsimile information with said encrypted checksum data to produce convolved data (Col 4 Lines 37-43);
- d. decrypting at said second communication device, said encrypted checksum (Col 4 Lines 57-64);
- e. computing a checksum of said input data received at said second communication device (Col 4 Lines 65-67; Col 5 Lines 1-10); and

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f. alerting a recipient at said second communication device in the event of a mismatch between said checksum data computed in step (e) and said decrypted checksum data in step (d) (Col 5 Lines 11-22).

Considering claims 2-3, Kara teaches wherein said first communication device is digital facsimile apparatus (Col 1 Lines 5-20; electronic transfer system).

Regarding claim 4, Kara teaches wherein said first communication system is a computer system comprising communication means with communication software installed on said computer system (Col 5 Lines 29-44).

Regarding claim 5, Kara teaches wherein a database system is communicatively coupled to said second communication device (Col 6 Lines 35-44).

Considering claim 6, Kara teaches wherein said second communication system is a computer system comprising communication means with communication software installed in said computer system (Col 6 Lines 12-23).

Regarding claim 7, Kara teaches the step of configuring an email system for receiving and displaying an alert message to said recipient along with said received input data (Col 5 Lines 11-28).

Specification

3. Claim 7 is objected to because of the following informalities: Change "26" to -6-. Appropriate correction is required.

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Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Heather D Gibbs whose telephone number is 703-306-4152. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8AM-4PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward L. Coles can be reached on 703-305-4712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-306-0377.


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